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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHDC

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DEPT FOR OPR/ST/T AND NEA/EX

BEIRUT ALSO PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJECT: SURFACE SHIPMENTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: AMMAN 7010; JIDDA 6591

1. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 3, JIDDA 6591, SAUDI BORDER FORMALITIES HAVE
BEEN REVAMPED. IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO CLEAR TRUCK SHIPMENTS AT
THE BORDER.

2. PARTIAL TRUCK LOADS TO EUROPE ARE ACCEPTED BY LOCAL AGENTS AT
FAVORABLE RATES. THIS POST RECENTLY DESPATCHED ONE BY TRUCK TO
AMSTERDAM FOR TRANSSHIPMENT BY SEA TO BALTIMORE, ALL SHIPS,
CARGO PLANES AND TRUCKS ARRIVE IN SA FULL AND, FOR THE MOST PART,
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LEAVE EMPTY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SHIPS, WHOSE MASTERS HAVE REFUSED

TO ACCEPT CARGO DUE TO UNPROFITABLE OPERATION COSTS
INVOLVED, ALL CARRIERS OFFER FAVORABLE RATES FOR OUTBOUND CARGO.

3. INTERCONEX, INC. OF NYC (TEL 212-371-1760) NOW HAS RESIDENT REP IN
JIDDA. FIRM OPERATES ITS OWN FLEET OF TRUCKS IN EUROPE AND HAS
OFFICES IN AMSTERDAM, LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND 17 OTHER LOCATIONS.

4. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE EXISTS IN USAGE OF ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF FERRY
SERVICE WITH SAILINGS EVERY 15 DAYS FROM GENOA. FERRY DOES NOT HAVE
TO WAIT FOR BERTH SPACE AT JIDDA; CARGO IS UNLOADED IN 6-8 HOURS,
THEN SAILS IMMEDIATELY (OUTBOUND CARGO NOT ACCEPTED) FOR GENOA.
RATES UNAVAILABLE JIDDA, PLEASE CONTACT SHIPPING LINE DIRECTLY OR
THRU AMCONSUL GENOA; IENAZO-MESSENA SHIPPING LINE, VIA SOTTORIBA
1A/116, 16124 GENOA, ITALY; TEL: 010-284071; TELEX: 27450. ALSO,
MERZARIO LINES, NAPLES OFFERS SIMILAR SERVICE AS NOTED ABOVE.
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